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Asian Liaison Unit Open House

The Asian Liaison Unit (ALU) was congratulated by many community members and leaders from both Asian and non-Asian alike, when it officially opened its new office located in Gallery Place, Chinatown (616 H St. NW) on October 26.

Some of the community leaders that attended the event were Ms. Linda Lee (Chinatown Safety Task Force for Better Public Safety), Mr. John Lem (Chinatown Service Center), Dr. Hon Yuen Wong (Chinese Consolidated benevolent Association, Mr. Gary Cha (Korean American Business Association) and many others.

Since 1996, the Asian Liaison Unit was created as a special division of the Metropolitan Police District (MPD) to acts as a conduit between the Police Department and the Asian community in the District. ALU officers conduct investigations involving Asians as the complainant or perpetrators of a crime, assist with translation services and promote community relations within the Asian community. Over the years, the establishment of ALU has tremendously helped the Asian residents to participate in community efforts that help reduce crime. The Asian Liaison Unit can be reached at 202-724-8009.

From left to right: Brian Tran, Off. Miller, Off. Stephen Chen, Off. Holstein, Sgt. Temsupasiri, Off. Ai.

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NEW STAFF

Lynne Chiao — Lynne joined the OAPIA in November 2005 as a staff assistant. In the fall of 2003, she interned with the Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center as a program assistant through the University of California District of Columbia Partnership Program for undergraduate students. Lynne also traveled to Yokohama, Japan in 2004 as a foreign exchange student. She received her bachelor's degrees, cum laude, from the University of California, Irvine in International Studies and Psychology. She also minored in Asian American studies and worked for a public accounting firm. Lynne was raised in Southern California, and enjoys playing golf and relaxing at the beach.

From Left to Right: KP, Lynne and Ngoc

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Starting Fiscal Year 2006, OAPIA is entering a new phase of community engagement and capacity building with a team of seven committed staff members! Even though the office was established almost two decades ago, it is only in recent years has OAPIA been able to make itself known throughout our growing community.
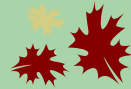
The existence and expansion of OAPIA is the city's ongoing commitment to those residents who may have language, cultural or other barriers in accessing vital much public information and city services. Can a government agency communicate with its residents in a language they understand, link them to services they need and deserve, and treat them with respect and trust? This is what we do, and this is what OAPIA is for! I urge API community members to contact us about the issues they have and tell us how we may help them better.

Ngoc Trinh — Ngoc is a recent immigrant from Vietnam. She worked two and a half years at Asian American LEAD, a community based organization in DC as the Volunteer Coordinator and ran its Mentoring program. She joins OAPIA recently as the Outreach Coordinator. She got her Masters degree from Johns Hopkins University- School of Advance International Studies in 2001.

Kongphanh Santivong— Kongphanh Santivong (or K.P. for short) is the son of Lao refugee parents who in 1975 fled Laos to Nongkhai, Thailand and eventually settled in the United States with the help of relatives and the Catholic church. K.P. and his family settled and grew up in the Seattle-Tacoma area and he went on to study philosophy and international studies of Southeast Asia at the University of Washington. Thereafter, K.P. pursued a law degree at Syracuse University and worked as a law clerk to the late-Honorable Steffen W. Graae of D.C. Superior Court. K.P. joined the D.C. Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs as a Community Development Coordinator. He currently resides in the District and is married to Thiphasone Phimviengkham

Citizen Summit

Photos from 2003 Citizen's Summit

DC Residents Invited to Participate in Citizen Summit IV – Lifting All Communities

The Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (OAPIA) invites the community at the **Citizen Summit IV, Saturday, November 19, 8:30 am – 4 pm**, at the **Washington Convention Center**. Mayor Williams will convene citizens, elected officials and community leaders to begin making the tough choices involved in determining the citywide policies and priorities of the District government in the areas of **youth development, employment and economic opportunity and affordable housing.** Over the past six years, Mayor Williams engaged more than 10,000 citizens in this unique planning process. As in past years, the daylong Citizen Summit – the largest town hall meeting in the United States – will significantly influence decisions with respect to the District's annual spending priorities and legislative initiatives.

In the last summit, two years ago, an overwhelming number of API community members participated in the summit. Asian residents with limited English using translation equipment and sitting at more than 18 designated tables clearly demonstrated the needs for language access to city services. It is important to continue to voice the needs of the API community. This community's involvement and input is a vital component to truly lift *All communities*. For this summit, issues such as youth at risk, housing, and employment were selected as major topics for discussion.

For registration and inquiries, please call (202) 727-3120, or visit http://www.citizensummit.dc.gov for more information. Translation in Cantonese, Mandarin, Vietnamese, Korean, Spanish, and sign-language services will be available. We are also looking for bilingual volunteers who can help us during the event. If you are interested, please contact our office!
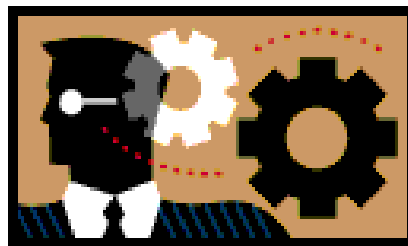
Register Now for Seventh Annual Public-Private Partnership Conference. *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants Development (OPGD), in conjunction with the Center for Nonprofit Advancement,* will host its Seventh Annual Public-Private Partnership Conference on November 9, 2005, 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m., at the George Washington University's Cloyd Heck Marvin Center, 800 21st Street, NW, Washington, DC. This year's theme is "Stronger Partnerships - Stronger Communities: Bringing Neighborhoods Together." The cost for the conference is only $55, which includes a continental breakfast and lunch. To register online, go to: http://www.regonline.com/83727. All registrations must be received by November 4, 2005. For further information, contact either OPGD at (202) 727-8900 or pat.henry@dc.gov or the Center for Nonprofit Advancement at (202) 457-0540 or susans@nonprofitadvancement.org.

Internet's Best Web Sites for Development Offices. *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants Development (OPGD)* will host an informational session on the Internet's best sites for nonprofit fundraising. Kathy Jankowski of Jankowski Associates, Inc. will explore ways to use the Web to research funding opportunities, connect with online communities, tap into board and evaluation resources, and get going on prospect research. This class is for all levels of fundraising and development staff and will take place on November 16, 2005, 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m., at One Judiciary Square, 441 4th Street, NW, Suite 1107. Space is limited, and registration is required. For further information and to register by November 9, contact OPGD at (202) 727-8900 or dawn.mitchell@dc.gov.

2006 Learn and Serve America Community-Based Grant Program. *Corporation for National and Community Service* announces funds to promote the development and sustainability of high quality community-based service-learning programs in youth-serving community organizations across the nation; to create curriculum materials; support training and technical assistance activities; make subgrants to local organizations that will implement service-learning programs for youth ages five to seventeen; and strengthen, expand, and anchor a network of youth-serving community-based organizations that implement service-learning programs.

Eligible applicants include public and state controlled institutions of higher education, state governments, nonprofit organizations, and private institutions of higher education. The deadline for applications is March 7, 2006. Approximately $4,500,000 is available to fund 16 awards, ranging from $350,000-$500,000. A match is required. For further information, contact James Willie at (202) 606-6845 or jwillie@cns.gov; or go to: http://www.learnandserve.gov/for_organizations/funding/nofa.asp. GrantID: GD789

2006 Learn and Serve America Higher Education Grant Program. *Corporation for National and Community Service* announces funds to expand participation in community service and service-learning by supporting innovative community service programs carried out through institutions of higher education that act as civic institutions to meet the human, educational, environmental, or public safety needs of neighboring communities. Emphasis is placed both on institutional change to support service and service-learning within higher education and on community problem-solving and capacity-building. Eligible applicants include public and state controlled institutions of higher education, nonprofit organizations, and private institutions of higher education. The deadline for applications is February 28, 2006. Approximately $10,000,000 is available to fund 40 awards, ranging from $125,000-$500,000. A match is required. For further information, contact James Willie at (202) 606-6845 or jwillie@cns.gov; or go to: http://www.learnandserve.gov/for_organizations/funding/nofa.asp. GrantID: GD788

2006 Learn and Serve America School-Based Grant Program. *Corporation for National and Community Service* announces funds to involve young people between the ages five to seventeen in service-learning projects that simultaneously support student development and meet community needs in areas such as the environment, education, public safety, and other human needs. Eligible applicants include public and state controlled institutions of higher education, state governments, nonprofit organizations, and private institutions of higher education. The deadline for applications is March 7, 2006. Approximately $7,000,000 is available to fund 35 awards, ranging from $75,000-$500,000. A match is required. For further information, contact James Willie at (202) 606-6845 or jwillie@cns.gov; or go to: http://www.learnandserve.gov/for_organizations/funding/nofa.asp. GrantID: GD790

Dissemination and Implementation Research in Health. *Department of Health and Human Services* announces funds to identify, develop, and refine effective and efficient methods, structures, and strategies that test models to disseminate and implement research-tested health behavior change interventions, evidence-based prevention, early detection, diagnostic, treatment, and quality of life improvement services into public health and clinical practice settings. Eligible applicants include city or township governments, county governments, independent school districts, special district governments, public and state controlled institutions of higher education, state governments, private institutions of higher education, individuals, for-profit organizations, nonprofit, faith-based, and community-based organizations. The deadline for applications is January 24, 2006. For further information, contact NIH Webmaster at FBOWebmaster@mail.nih.gov; or go to: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-06-039.html. GrantID: GD794

Electronic Grants Clearinghouse. *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants Development* is the clearinghouse for the Government of the District of Columbia's grant programs. Notices and application packets are available for the following notices at: http://opgd.dc.gov/, select District Grants Clearinghouse. *Commission on the Arts and Humanities,* FY 2006 Cultural Facilities Program, November 3, 2005, at 6:00 p.m.

Office of the Secretary (OS), Escheated Estates, December 22, 2005.
Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development, Commercial District Technical Assistance Program (CD-TAP), applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.

Disadvantaged Women and Children. *The J. Jill Compassion Fund* supports organizations serving homeless or at-risk women and children by providing job training, transitional and/or affordable housing, education, emergency shelter or other types of aid. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. The deadline for applications is December 1, 2005. For further information, go to: http://www.jjill.com/about/community.asp?AreaID=OL. GrantID: GD793

Postsecondary Education. *Lumina Foundation* announces funds to support programs that affect access and attainment in postsecondary education, particularly among traditionally underserved student groups. These students include 18- to 24-year-olds and adult students who face barriers to education by virtue of their income, preparation or family background. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. There is no deadline date for applications. For further information, go to: http://www.luminafoundation.org/grants/index.html. GrantID: GD791

Youth Garden Grants. *The National Gardening Association (NGA) and Home Depot* announce funds to support programs that actively engage kids in gardening and improving the quality of life for all. Priority is given to proposals that emphasize: an educational focus and/or curricular ties; nutrition or plant-to-food connections; environmental awareness or education; entrepreneurship; or social aspects of gardening such as leadership development, team-building, community support, or service learning. Eligible applicants include nonprofit and community-based organizations. The deadline for applications is November 30, 2005. For further information, go to: http://www.kidsgardening.com/ygg. GrantID: GD792

Preventive Health Block Grant Annual Public Hearing. *The DC Department of Health, Primary Care and Prevention Administration (PCPA)* will host a Public Hearing of the Grant Advisory Committee on November 3, 2006, 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m., at 825 North Capitol Street, NE, Room 4131. The grant supports programs operated by PCPA and community-based organizations including chronic and communicable diseases, primary care and access to healthcare. Citizens may register to present views concerning the magnitude of the health problem and proposed solutions (oral and/or written) by contacting Carolyn Bothuel at (202) 442-9142, or carolyn.bothuel@dc.gov by November 3, 2005, before 4:45 p.m.

Affordable Housing and Community Development. *KnowledgePlex®* supports the efforts of practitioners, grantors, policy makers, scholars, investors, and others involved or interested in the fields of affordable housing and community development. Services include a comprehensive collection of publications, a weekly newsletter, discussion forums, and a calendar of events. For further information, go to: http://www.knowledgeplex.org/about-us.html.

FREE Nonprofit Classes. *e-BIC* presents a series of classes for nonprofits. Talaekah Brooks, JD of Southeastern University's Center for Entrepreneurship will teach the series. All classes will take place at the Martin Luther King Library's e-BIC Video Conference Center, A Level:
Nonprofit Strategic Planning, November 9, 2005, 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Class covers the differences between strategic plans and business plans for nonprofit organizations.
Nonprofit Fundraising, December 14, 2005, 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Class covers fundraising planning and creating a standard grant format.
To RSVP for classes, contact Katina Bolden at (202) 727-2241 or ebic@dc.gov.

K Learning Center is a new online destination featuring practical tools and resources for nonprofit planning, evaluation, and action. Point K features a suite of free web-based tools to help organizations plan and evaluate their efforts, learn what works, improve their effectiveness, and better serve their communities. For further information, go to: http://www.innonet.org/index.php?section_id=4&content_id=16

RFP BULLETIN

Children and Youth
Youth Leaders for Literacy Program to Award Grants for Student-Led Projects
Candidates aged 21 or younger can win $500 for reading-related service projects over a six-week period....
Deadline: November 21, 2005
Posted: November 3, 2005

Community Improvement/Development
Nissan Foundation Seeks Applicants for 2006 Grant Cycle
$5,000 to $50,000 will be awarded to nonprofit organizations, in selected states, with projects that help to build communities by valuing cultural diversity and creating career potential for young adults in the automotive industry.....
Deadline: November 23, 2005 (Letters of Intent)
Posted: November 2, 2005

Visit http://fdncenter.org/pnd/rfp/ for more information.

The above information comes from *Funding Alert,* a free service of the Office of Partnerships and Grants Development *(OPGD).*

OPGD provides nonprofit and government representatives with funding information at its Grants Information Resource Center (GIRC). This computer center provides access to funding databases, as well as the Internet. The GIRC is located at One Judiciary Square, 441 4th Street, NW, Suite 1130 North. Call 202-727-8900 to schedule an appointment.

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